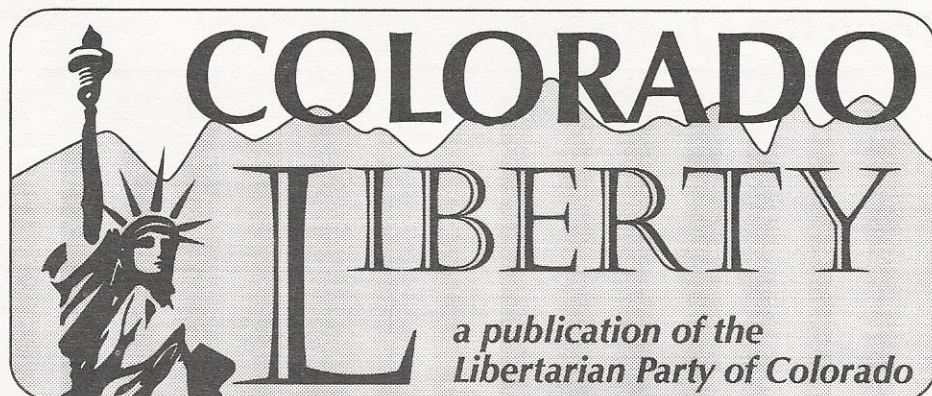


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World's Smallest Political Quiz Uncovers New Libertarians at People's Fair

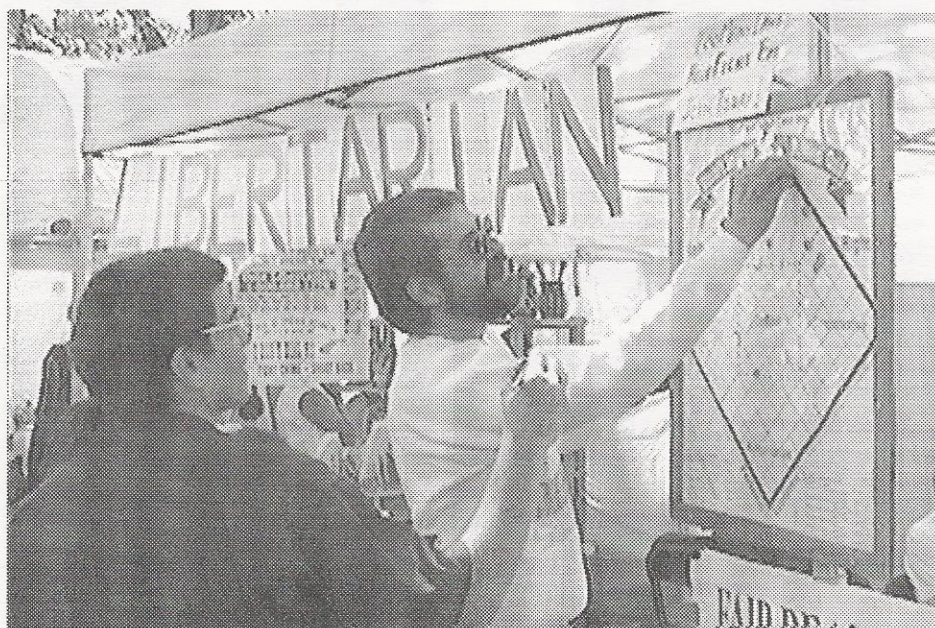
by David Aitken

The 1998 People's Fair booth was a big success thanks to the many people who turned out to help including Duane "Griz" Bates, Jim Misa, Carol Simard, Michele Bethke, John Geltemeyer, John Berntson, Mathew, Richard Combs, David Bryant, Craig Stinson and Gary Sandritter.

More than 200 people took the World's Smallest Political Quiz. About half



Mathew shows a prospective libertarian some interesting literature as John Berntson looks on.



Richard Combs puts another dot on the Nolan Chart for a "perfect libertarian."

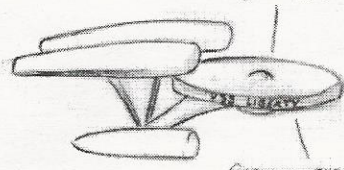

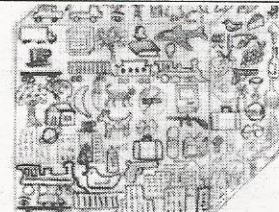
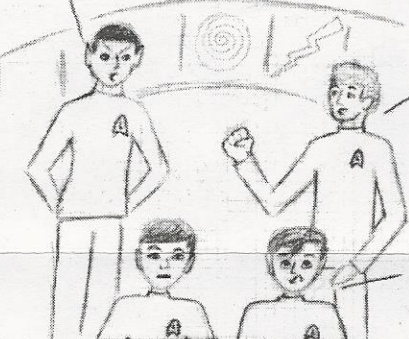
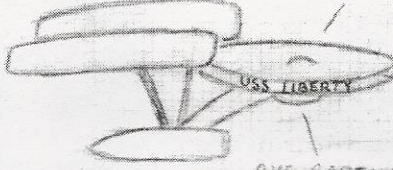
discovered they were libertarians; most of the rest fell in the liberal or centrist categories.

We gave out lots of literature and collected 63 names of people who wanted more information.

Our most popular piece of literature seemed to be the National Program, a 4-page collection of the LP's position on a variety of issues.

The weather cooperated, too. We had a two-day window of perfect weather in between rain and clouds.

From the Chair

<p>OUR HEROES ARE RETURNING FROM A CONVENTION AT STARRASE SHERATON DENVER WEST WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER A BRUTAL SHIP.</p> <p>(OVERSIZING REDUNDANT GOVERNMENT)</p> <p>IDENTIFIED (BALEFUL OENOXIOUS RAPACIOUS GOVERNMENT) SHIP, HEADING SB171.</p>  <p>CAPTAIN, THE (BRIGIDE OPPRESSIVE RAPACIOUS GOVERNMENT) SHIP WILL ASSIMILATE EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH!</p>	<p>THE (BLOODTHIRSTY) GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO ASSIMILATE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS</p>  <p>HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN BUT THE (BARBAROUS OBSTINATE REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT) SHIP IS NOT RESPONDING</p>  <p>WE ARE BENEVOLENT OMNIPOTENT REVERED GOVERNMENT</p> <p>YOU WILL BE ASSIMILATED. RESISTANCE IS FUTILE</p>
<p>CAPTAIN, IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO USE MY NEW WEAPON, HB1110 AT THIS TIME.</p>  <p>GOOD THINKING SALTEN, HB1110 WILL ALLOW US TO FIRE MORE AMMUNITION AT THE ENEMY WHILE USING LESS OF OUR RESOURCES!</p> <p>ENSIGN CRUSE IS HB1110 ON LINE?</p> <p>AYE CAPTAIN, ITS ON LINE BUT WE'RE LOW ON AMMUNITION!</p>	<p>FIRE AT WILL! THE (BELLIGERENT OBTRUSIVE RANK GOVERNMENT) MUST BE STOPPED HERE, BEFORE THEY REACH OUR DAYCARE CENTERS!</p> <p>SCOTTY ROSE, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF OUR DYLITHIUM CRYSTALS?</p>  <p>AYE CAPTAIN! DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE SHE'S GONNA TAKE! WE NEED MORE CRYSTALS</p> <p>TO BE CONTINUED...</p>

Editorial

I am not a smoker. In fact, I have been seen on occasion wearing a pin that reads, "If you don't smoke, I won't fart." As a matter of taste, I find tobacco smoke acrid and offensive. Both Pinnocchio and my Seventh-day Adventist upbringing have taught me that tobacco is an offensive weed.

You would think, then, that I would join in with politicians of every (well, save Libertarian) stripe in mourning the death of the Tobacco Bill. But no, I do not mourn its demise. Instead, I celebrate.

There are many American habits I find offensive: driving under the speed limit in the left lane; getting drunk and making passes at colleagues' spouses at Christmas parties; worshipping the best-looking actor or

actress as the fount of all wisdom. Remember Meryl Streep's Alar scare? Charlton Heston's NRA?

But in none of these cases should the federal government intervene to enforce my tastes. In fact, should the federal government do so, I would consider it to have overstepped its bounds, something it never does these days, (he said with a knowing grin).

Americans must be allowed to choose whether or not to smoke. We Libertarians see the horrible effects of the Drug War every day. Let's celebrate the demise of one bit of the Tobacco War, which is sure to heat up as the Puritans among us endeavor to enforce their tastes through federal law.

— W. Earl Allen



Michele Bethke, Chair, LPCO

Calendar

July, 1998

- 7/2 - Thu. - Libertarian Community of Jefferson County - 1st Thursday - 6:00pm -, Tom Goonan's home: 12895 W. 16th Drive, Golden, CO 80401, snack and conversation at 6:00pm, watch Waco - The Rules of Engagement afterwards, call Tom Goonan, (303) 278-1698
- 7/2-5 - National Convention - Washington, DC - 1-202-333-0008. Major Speakers: Roy Innis, Congress of Racial Equality; Tanya Metaksa, National Rifle Association. Delegates will participate in debates on our platform and bylaws. Lots of workshops and other speakers including Harry Browne, 1996 LP presidential candidate.
- 7/4 - Sat - Denver Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd., Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 7/7 - Tue - Boulder Activists Lunch - noon - Coco's, 28th and Iris, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 7/8 - Wed - Boulder LP Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday - 6:30pm - Trillian's, 30th and Arapahoe, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 7/11 - Sat - Denver Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd., Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 7/13 - Mon - (changed to avoid conflict with Convention) Board of Directors - 7:00pm - LP Office, 720 E. 18th Ave. #309, Denver CO 80203, 303-837-9393, all members welcome, public comment 6:45 and 9:00, call for directions.
- 7/14 - Tue - Boulder Activists Lunch - noon - Coco's, 28th and Iris, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 7/18 - Sat - Denver Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd., Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 7/20 - Mon - Ft. Collins Activists - 3rd Monday - 7:00pm - China Dragon, 1401 W. Elizabeth, Fort Collins. Contact Dan Cochran (970) 667-7557.

- 7/21 - Tue - Boulder Activists Lunch - noon - Coco's, 28th and Iris, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 7/25 - Sat - Denver Breakfast Group - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd., Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334.
- 7/28 - Tue - Boulder Activists Lunch - noon - Coco's, 28th and Iris, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.

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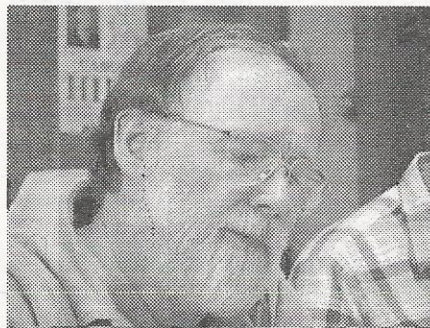
- 11/3 - Election Day - Vote Libertarian! 7am to 7pm at your local polling place.

Kudos

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- Jim Misa, David Bryant, Maralyn Mencarini, David Aitken, Rob Gilmor and Warren Kruse for great discussions while mailing out the June Liberty. Call Jim Misa at 303-394-4688 to join in the rollicking discussions and get some hands-on work done for liberty.

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LPCO Public Information Director Craig Stinson contemplates an agenda item at a recent board meeting.

Vote!

by David Aitken

You can vote "NO" today on the Bronco stadium tax at <http://www.intradenver.net/broncosvote.asp>. Tell your friends and family, even if they're not from Colorado.

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The John Voss Story: Government Out Of Control

by John Voss

Chapter Five - Morphed into a Partnership

For our 1991 Annual Convention, we decided to do something a little different from prior years. We identified over 200 groups around the nation which had sprung up over the years we had been an association, groups which we felt shared at least one of our goals, which were to restore lawful money to circulation and to completely reform the income tax laws.

We sent invitations to all 200+ groups, and asked them to send representatives to the convention to help identify and prioritize our nation's most pressing needs. Nearly 300 attendees, representing 24 of the groups which we had invited, put in three long days of committee meetings and emerged with a list of prioritized concerns. Tax reform topped the list.

By the time the convention ended, a resolution had been drafted and was soon on its way to Congress, and a new taxing plan was being drafted. The vague similarity of our solemn convention to that one that took place in Philadelphia over 200 years ago was likely noted by the undercover agents in attendance. Ultimately, NCBA and several others of the groups represented agreed to support the plan for a national sales tax, proposed by the group Citizens for Alternative Tax Systems, (C.A.T.S.).

By 1996, the C.A.T.S. plan had become a bill co-introduced in Congress by Representatives Dan Schaefer of Colorado and Bill Tauzin of Louisiana. The bill has not yet been submitted to a vote, but continues to garner support. As of this date (September 1997), not only does Chairman Bill Archer of the House Ways and Means Committee wholeheartedly support the proposal ("We've got to tear the existing income tax out by its roots!"), but H.R. 1325/2001 now boasts over a dozen co-sponsors.

The monthly NCBA newsletter continues to track the bill's progress, and to encourage its members nationwide to do everything they can

to spread the word and to build effective grassroots pressure on their lawmakers.

In 1996, NCBA published a small paperback book *Why No One Is Required To File Income Tax Returns... and what you can do about it*, written by NCBA legal researcher Bill Conklin. In addition to explaining the major weakness of the present income tax, the book extols the virtues of the national sales tax bill (which calls for the *abolishment* of the income tax and the IRS), and explains how to build effective grassroots pressure for a national sales tax at the same time!

During many of these same years, we continued to press the IRS for return of the \$2.2 million in silver and gold coin, taken during the 1985 raids. It was in 1992, when our first formal complaint for its return was finally about to go to court, that the IRS admitted that they could not defend the \$20 million abusive tax shelter penalty, and told us they were reducing it to only \$176,000. "Fine," we said, "so return the rest of the \$2.2 million and we'll contest the new amount because we still are not an abusive tax shelter punishable by even \$176,000." This was when the IRS came up with the partnership penalty to justify their retention of the \$2.2 million. This penalty, for failure to file partnership return forms allegedly required of each member, came to a total of \$4.2 million. Again, we were told we'd have to contest this in court.

To support their latest penalty, the IRS had concocted a 22-page statement supporting their contention that we were all partners. We had, the statement read, shared our knowledge of the nation's money and tax laws with each other, with the end result that we saved each other money on our taxes. The "saved-taxes-profit" was our partnership gain (!), and since no member had ever filed a partnership return, all members were subject to the \$250 maximum annual penalty for each year that they had failed to do so (Section 6698 of the IR Code). The \$4.2 million total was assessed against every member, past and present, jointly and severally.

In our court challenge to this latest penalty, we brought the IRS accountant responsible for authoring the 22-page statement to the witness stand, before Denver Federal District Court

Judge Richard Matsch. It seemed somewhat illogical to me that we had to bring another judge up to speed on our situation, since we had most recently reviewed our associational activities and the IRS' harassment with Judge Finesilver. But Judge Finesilver was no longer involved in our case; he was fighting allegations from the Justice Department that he had collected unjustified expenses for business trips he had taken to Florida, and he was in the process of turning all of his ongoing cases over to others, and taking early retirement!

Before Judge Matsch, the accountant admitted that he did not believe we were a partnership at all, nor subject to any of the \$4.2 million penalty. In his candid opinion, we were what we said we were, simply an association of individuals assembling under our First Amendment protected right to assemble and petition for redress of the grievances we had with the tax and monetary systems. He further admitted that his boss, an attorney on the IRS' district counsel staff, had ordered him to concoct the penalty and the 22-page statement of support.

Of course, we couldn't question his boss: attorney-client privilege, don't you know! Incredibly, Judge Matsch upheld the penalty, also deciding that we couldn't just claim to be an association, regardless of the First Amendment and prior court rulings. For tax purposes, he said, we had to identify our group as a partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship, or *something*; he just couldn't allow us to indefinitely remain deliberately "amorphous." See *NCBA/NCE v. U.S.*, 843 F.Supp. 655 (D.Colo, 1993). The Tenth Circuit Appeals Court, in spite of its several earlier rulings in our favor, upheld Judge Matsch's decision. Judge Matsch was appointed Chief Judge of the Denver District Courts two months later. Our appeal to the Supreme Court was also denied. My personal letter to the Supreme Court, requesting their reconsideration of our appeal on behalf of the many NCBA members whose life savings were at stake, went unanswered.

Chapter 6 of the John Voss story will continue in next month's Liberty.

Book Review

"Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do" by Peter McWilliams. Published by Prelude Press

By BetteRose Smith

Want ammunition to fight for the Libertarian principles concerning consensual behavior? This is the place to find it. A witty, informative, well researched and documented book, it can give any Libertarian solid arguments, quotes, and references.

I first heard of this book about two years ago when Mr. McWilliams was interviewed by KOA radio host Mike Rosen. While I was unhappy with the interview because of its lack of covering consensual crime laws other than the big three — sex, drugs and gambling — I was impressed with Mr. McWilliams. The book did not disappoint.

This book covers several different consensual crimes from sexual crimes to assisted suicide to drugs. It gives the definition of a consensual crime, makes a distinction between personal morality and government morality, explains why laws against consensual activities are bad ideas, and tells what a person can do to end laws against consensual behavior. Mr. McWilliams even lists the Libertarian Party with the national toll free number in several places throughout the book!

I liked the book for its ease of reading. The type is large and the sentences are clear. Material taken from other sources is in reduced type making it easy to distinguish from the views of the author. It is so well researched and documented that should you want to investigate any of his claims, the tools to do so are there.

The book is very witty in some places and fun to read. The boxed quotes on each page were a delight. The one quote which Mr. McWilliams claims is the most controversial is on page nine and may be a quote most of us learn. Pick up a copy of the book if you want to know what it is.

There also is a chart in the book which lists some crimes by state. I found out that while I was in Florida last June, I broke at least two laws listed in this chart, (no, you have to guess which ones). It is interesting to see what laws are still on the books, though some of them may not be enforced. They can be enforced and

there is one of the problems.

While the book is big, over 600 pages, it is set up so that one does not have to read the entire book. In fact things can be read out of order without any trouble.

A good value for the money and I recommend it to anyone with an interest in consensual crime.

"Sex Welfare" Should Be Ended

WASHINGTON, DC — There is no Constitutional right to sex — so the government shouldn't spend millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to provide Viagra pills to Medicaid recipients and federal employees, says the Libertarian Party.

"Politicians are making whoopee with taxpayers' money," charged Ron Crickenberger, the party's national director. "When the Founding Fathers guaranteed the right to pursue happiness, this is not what they meant."

At least 10 states have decided to supply Viagra, the new wonder drug for impotence, to Medicaid recipients. In addition, the federal health insurance program — which covers millions of federal employees, including Congressmen — will subsidize the popular, \$10-a-pop pill.

"Politicians are insatiable: They can't say no to any excuse to spend more of our money," said Crickenberger. "They've managed to turn sex into another government entitlement program."

Since the FDA approved Viagra in March, the blue, diamond-shaped pill from Pfizer, Inc. has proved to be a runaway hit.

In response, 10 states — Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia — decided to make the drug available to Medicaid recipients at taxpayer expense, arguing that it was a medical necessity.

What will this sex subsidy for would-be Casanovas cost? Final figures aren't available, but Louisiana has already shelled out \$23,000 for Viagra — and the cost to taxpayers nation-

wide could run into the tens of millions of dollars.

And that's why Libertarians say that the politicians and bureaucrats who approved this program need a dose of enforced fiscal abstinence.

"Handing out subsidized Viagra is sex welfare — and the politicians who approved this had better realize that taxpayers won't respect them in the morning," said Crickenberger.

But the problem, he acknowledged, is that spending our money is the ultimate aphrodisiac for politicians.

"For a good time, politicians like to dial 1-900-TREASURY and engage in an orgy of spending," he said. "However, when it comes to properly safeguarding taxpayers' money, politicians suffer from performance failure."

Instead of the government paying for Viagra, the individuals who want to use the drug should buy it themselves, said Crickenberger.

"The free market created this drug; the free market will supply it to anyone willing to pay for it," he said. "Uncle Sam doesn't have to play Cupid with our money."

But until that happens, Crickenberger said he has two wishes:

"First, that Pfizer, Inc. develops a pill that suppresses the urge of politicians to spend our money. That would be a wonder drug that would really get taxpayers excited.

"And second, if that doesn't happen, we need a political Lorena Bobbit in Washington DC who isn't afraid to take a boondoggle program like government-subsidized Viagra — and cut it off completely."

— Libertarian Party News Release

New Magazine from Bob Glass

The well known libertarian activist, Bob Glass, has started a new magazine called "The Partisan." He calls it the journal of the American Freedom Fighter. It is \$19.95 per year, four issues per year, about 100 pages per issue.

The Partisan, P.O.Box 1085 Suite G, Longmont, CO 80502.

See also: <http://partisan.com>
uzi1@frii.com 303-651-0070.

Letter

A number of people in the Libertarian Party have wondered what we can do to stop the "Bowlen Bowl Bill," a.k.a. the Bronco Stadium Tax. Several LP members testified against the bill while it was being considered by the legislature. Now the only thing to do is defeat it at the polls.

A recent *Denver Post* article mentioned that the Broncos are having discussions with John Elway about his possibly playing an active role supporting the ballot issue. As far as I know, he has not decided. If he were to warm the bench on this one, or even publicly oppose it, it would be an incredible help to us. If we can take away Pat Bowlen's best spokesman, defeating this will be much easier. Below is a copy of a letter I am sending to Elway, I hope Libertarians and others will write one of their own.

11 May, 1998
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jptak@eagle-access.net

Mr. John Elway
13655 Broncos Parkway
Englewood, CO 80112

Dear Mr. Elway:

I understand from the newspapers that Mr. Bowlen and the Denver Bronco organization are asking you to support their drive for a new taxpayer subsidized football stadium. As a lifelong football fan, I urge you not to do so. This stadium proposal really is a reverse Robin Hood bill. It uses the most regressive tax to subsidize not only Mr. Bowlen, but the wealthy fans who can afford to purchase season tickets.

I played 7 years of organized football, and love the game, but I have been able to attend only one Bronco game in my life. Other than that and a few college football games, what I see is on television. Please do not ask me to pay taxes so people who can afford season tickets can have a nicer stadium. They are welcome to pay to build a better stadium themselves, through their own ticket purchases, concession purchases, etc.

Several other NFL teams have managed to build or renovate their stadiums without tax subsidies. I believe it is an insult to the fans of Denver to suggest that they would not voluntarily pay the price of tickets needed to support a new stadium. It is certainly an insult to the taxpayers of Colorado to require us to pay for a stadium we will never be able to afford to visit. I hope you will not sully your reputation by supporting this welfare-for-the-rich scheme. I understand it may be difficult to publicly oppose it, but at least do not lend your good name to this Corporate Welfare plan.

Sincerely,
Judd Ptak



Ken Kirkmeyer gives Judd Ptak a copy of HB-98-1110 with the pen that Gov. Romer used to sign it. Ken bought the trophy at auction at the Libertarian Party of Colorado Convention in April

Colorado Home-maker Petitions to Repeal Mandatory Auto Insurance

by Carol Simard

Ariane Hildenbrandt is finding out the hard way that trying to get ballot initiative signatures is an almost insurmountable task when you aren't backed by a big organization with money.

She has been fighting a one-person crusade to remove Colorado's mandatory auto insurance requirement. She has received considerable attention from Colorado Springs main newspaper, "The Gazette" with at least two front page stories.

She began her petition drive back in December, with 40 supporters from around the state. Although she has

given out enough petition forms to get the required 54,000 signatures, only one petition has been returned to her. She currently has collected just over 1000 signatures, almost all of them by herself.

Although exhausted, the feisty homemaker refuses to give up and continues to bring her petition to shopping centers, even though the August 4th deadline is looming and prospects look dim.

The recently reunited Libertarian Party of El Paso County (LPEP) invited Ariane to speak at their June meeting. She told LPEP members how her petition would eliminate mandatory auto insurance, reduce mandatory minimums for the amount of coverage that could be purchased voluntarily, and repeal the state's authority to establish a motorist insurance identification database.

Although she was warmly received and several people took petitions, the El Paso County Libertarians will not be able to carry this statewide issue by themselves.

The issue of mandatory anything of course is un-Libertarian. Mandatory auto insurance and mandatory coverage limitations only protect insurance agencies from competition, thus making all of our insurance rates higher.

Driving without insurance leads to huge fines and possible jail time. The working poor are hit the hardest by this since a car is a prerequisite to holding a job and many have to choose between paying for the basic necessities versus incarceration.

The motorist identification database is used by "private bounty hunters" to track down drivers without insurance. Once they find you, they are empowered to confiscate your vehicle and drag you down to the local jailhouse.

The most typical objection is "What happens if I'm hit by an uninsured motorist?" The answer is "the same thing that happens when you get hit by anyone - if you have insurance, your insurance pays for it, no matter who's at fault." This is because Colorado is a no-fault insurance state. The petition makes no attempt to change this status.

We are requesting that all Colorado Libertarians look into what they can do to assist Ariane. Her idea has solid Libertarian merit and would be a boon to all citizens of Colorado.

Even a well-done but failed effort will get us attached to an issue which has already received good press coverage. Even if we don't make it this year, it could help lay the groundwork for a more successful run at the issue next year. And just as important, we can show this hard-working activist for liberty that there are like-minded and committed individuals out there that think like she does and that she is not alone. Please contact LPEP Chairman John Berntson at (719) 532-0118 or email JKBColoSp@aol.com to get copies of the petition or for more information.

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Microsoft Tests Nuclear Device At Secret Hanford Facility

REDMOND (BNN)—World leaders reacted with stunned silence as Microsoft Corp. (MSFT) conducted an underground nuclear test at a secret facility in eastern Washington state.

The device, exploded at 9:22 am PDT (1622 GMT/12:22 pm EDT) today, was timed to coincide with talks between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice over possible antitrust action.

"Microsoft is going to defend its right to market its products by any and all necessary means," said Microsoft CEO Bill Gates. "Not that I'm anti-government" he continued, "but there would be few tears shed in the computer industry if Washington were engulfed in a bath of nuclear fire."

Scientists pegged the explosion at around 100 kilotons. "I nearly dropped my latte when I saw the

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seismometer," explained University of Washington geophysicist Dr. Whoops Blammover. "At first I thought it was Mt. Rainier, and I was thinking, damn, there goes the mountain bike vacation."

In Washington, President Clinton announced the US Government would boycott all Microsoft products indefinitely. Minutes later, the President reversed his decision. "We've tried sanctions since lunchtime, and they don't work," said the President. Instead, the administration will initiate a policy of "constructive engagement" with Microsoft.

Microsoft's Chief Technology Officer Nathan Myrhvold said the test justified Microsoft's recent acquisition of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation from the US Government. Not only did Microsoft acquire "kilograms of weapons grade plutonium" in the deal, said Myrhvold, "but we've finally found a place to dump those millions of unsold copies of Microsoft 'Bob.'"

Myrhvold warned users not to replace Microsoft NT products with rival operating systems. "I can neither confirm nor deny the existence of a radioisotope thermoelectric generator inside of every Pentium II microprocessor," said Myrhvold, "but anyone who installs an OS written by a bunch of long-hairs on the Internet is going to get what they deserve."

The existence of an RTG in each Pentium II microprocessor would explain why the microprocessors, made by the Intel Corporation, run so hot. The Intel chips "put out more heat than they draw in electrical power," said Prof. E.E. Thymes of MIT. "This should finally dispel those stories about cold fusion."

Rumors suggest a second weapons development project is underway in California, headed by Microsoft rival Sun Microsystems. "They're doing all of the development work in Java," said one source close to the project. The development of a delivery system is said to be holding up progress.

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"Write once, bomb anywhere is still a dream at the moment."

Meanwhile, in Cupertino, California, Apple interim-CEO Steve Jobs was rumored to be in discussion with Oracle CEO Larry Ellison about deploying Apple's Newton technology against Microsoft. "Newton was the biggest bomb the Valley had developed in years," said one hardware engineer. "I'd hate to be around when they drop that product a second time."

BNN is sometimes known as the Blather News Network. If you haven't heard of it, you haven't been watching CNN, CBS, ABC, NBC, TNN, CNBC, BGNBC (Bill Gates' NBC) and NNBC (Nuclear News Broadcasting Company :-)

Book Reviews

"Ur-Ine Trouble," by Kent Holtorf, M.D. (Published by Vandalay Press, distributed by Paladin Press, 199 pages, \$19.95)

"Just Say No To Drug Tests: How to Beat the Whiz Quiz," by Ed Carson. (Published by Paladin Press, 48 pages, \$12.00)

Reviewed by Ron Bain

Both of these books rail against drug testing's inherent invasion of Fourth Amendment rights: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated..."

Carson notes, however, that "The U.S. Supreme Court...is of the opinion that our Founding Fathers would have found urinalysis testing acceptable in any form."

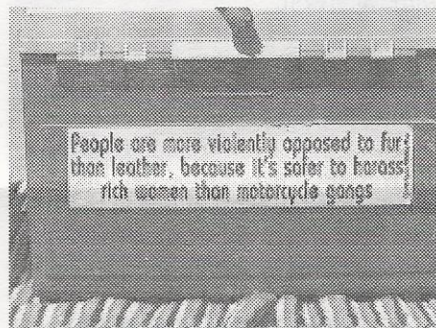
Information content on how to pass drug tests is similar in both books, but Dr. Holtorf, a recognized expert witness on drug testing in state and federal courts, provides more scientific detail about various drug testing procedures, including enzyme immunoassay, radio immunoassay, and thin-layer or gas chromatography.

Both authors agree that chromatography is the most accurate drug test, but Dr. Holtorf warns that any test is only as good as the laboratory technician conducting the lab procedures. The most commonly used immunoassay tests are the least accurate (inaccurate at least 10% of the time) and are the least expensive. Both authors agree that chromatography, sometimes combined with mass spectroscopy, can be used to confirm positive indicators found by an immunoassay test.

The authors recommend largely the same techniques to pass drug tests, but Carson emphasizes abstinence for two weeks to a month prior to testing. Both agree that drinking large quantities of water helps flush drug metabolites from the body. Carson recommends drinking a gallon or two of water or fruit juice (particularly cranberry juice) every day for weeks before the test. Carson says that up to 1,000 milligrams of vitamin C should be taken per day, along with vigorous exercise, which reduces body fat ratios. Marijuana's primary intoxi-

cating ingredient, THC, is fat soluble and remains in the fatty cells of the body for weeks or months. Large quantities of vitamin C will cause the body to excrete cocaine or amphetamines more rapidly, Dr. Holtorf says, but this should not be done immediately prior to the test.

The authors disagree occasionally. Carson says that golden seal root (not the herb) will help detoxify the body, but Dr. Holtorf says there's no way to consume enough golden seal immediately prior to a test to fool the test. Carson says ibuprofen will cause false positives for marijuana, and that the testing agency should be informed of ibuprofen use prior to the test. Dr. Holtorf, however, says that taking large quantities of aspirin (salicylic acid) will confuse any immunoassay drug test and cause false negatives (a desirable thing if you have been smoking marijuana or taking cocaine).



Because it lasts in the body longer than other drugs and is the most popular recreational drug, marijuana is the drug most frequently identified by drug testers.

"Drug testing also unfairly targets the least dangerous of recreationally used drugs, marijuana. Many who use marijuana on a periodic basis are switching to 'harder' drugs, — including LSD and psilocybin, which cannot be detected by any drug test," notes Dr. Holtorf.

Carson recommends against drinking alcohol, which inhibits the kidneys' ability to detoxify the bloodstream. This is part of a process he calls "kidney shape-up," which includes avoiding fatty or fried foods, red meats and butter, and eating lots of vegetables along with drinking lots of cranberry juice. Apparently, vegetarians have a distinct advantage when it comes to drug testing.

Carson also recommends a day-of-the-test procedure he calls "kidney shut-down," involving drinking about six ounces of vinegar (white or apple cider vinegar). This doesn't sound pleasant and he says it could cause vomiting, but Carson asserts that the vinegar will keep the kidneys from filtering drug residues into the urine immediately before a test. Fasting once a week prior to the test is also a good idea, says Carson, who claims to have passed all of his 150 drug tests except one (the first).

Dr. Holtorf, on the other hand, does not indicate first-hand experience with drug testing. Instead, he has studied dozens of peer-reviewed articles about drug testing published in scientific journals. You decide the one whose information you want to rely on.

Dr. Holtorf spends most of his time talking about pre-employment drug testing, while Carson seems more concerned with probable-cause or legally ordered drug testing. Interestingly enough, Dr. Holtorf analyzed one study which allowed workers a choice of buying marijuana or tobacco cigarettes. Those who bought marijuana cigarettes, with some smoking up to 20 per day, either showed no change in productivity, or an increase in work output with periods of maximum work coinciding with periods of maximal marijuana smoking. Scientists Carlin and Trupen found daily marijuana smokers performed significantly faster than non-smokers on tests of rapid visuomotor, scanning, tracking, and set-shifting. Researcher Grant found that better performance on a variety of tasks actually correlated with heavy marijuana use. Despite this information, casual home users of marijuana are every day dismissed from jobs they report to straight because THC metabolites are found in their urine.

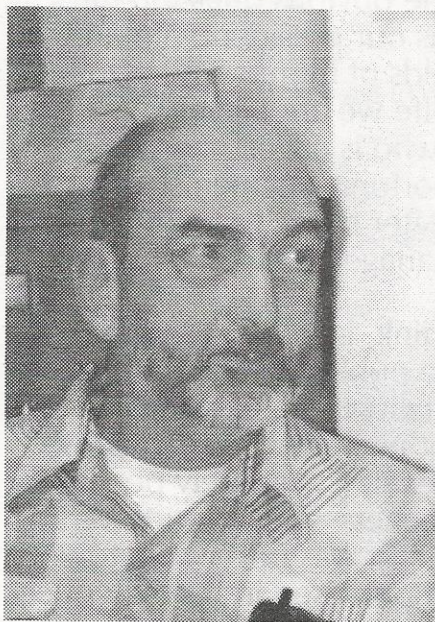
Drug testing has become a growth industry with its own lobbyists and misinformed proponents in positions of governmental and corporate power, particularly in insurance companies. Many companies will refuse to hire people taking legitimately prescribed medicines (anti-depressants, for example) for fear of raising their insurance costs. Nonetheless, "there has been no established correlation between drug concentration in the blood and behavioral impairment for most drugs except alcohol," writes Dr.

Holtorf. And the drug that costs business and insurance companies the most money is tobacco, which "contributes to more than 350,000 deaths per year and costs society \$60 billion annually in health care, absenteeism, and lost productivity."

Although Dr. Holtorf advocates a medical rather than punitive approach to treating serious addiction, he defuses his argument at the end of his book by so loosely defining addiction as to include any behavior that might upset family members, like overeating or knitting too much. That, and extremely bad copy-editing on the part of Vandalay Press, detract from an otherwise informative and well-written tract.

For those wanting quick, how-to information on how to clean up, detoxify and pass drug tests, Carson's book only takes a few minutes to read, comes right to the point (addressing specific detoxification methods for specific drugs) and doesn't talk down to the reader. By the way, Carson's book fails to recommend expensive "detox teas," and Dr. Holtorf says quite bluntly that they don't work except for advising the buyer to drink lots of liquids.

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Tom Goonan, Information Director, LPCO, gives the board a piece of his mind at a recent board meeting in Denver.

Letter

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To the Editor, *Reporter-Herald*:

The Libertarian Party, Colorado's only qualified minor political party, was not mentioned in a recent article about political party positions. The following is the Libertarian Party position on the issues addressed:

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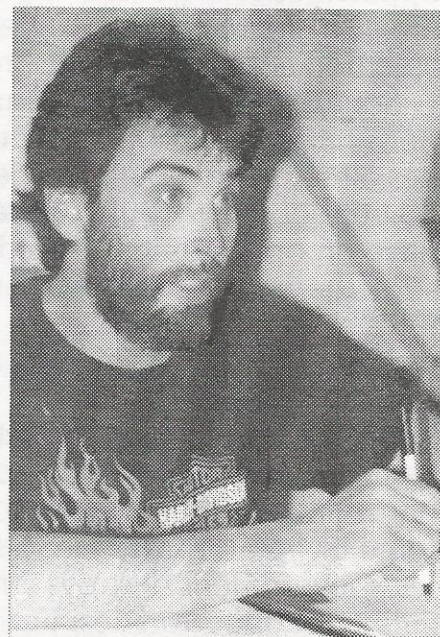
MASS TRANSIT: Libertarians support advancement in technology and the free enterprise system. Last year, Libertarians were instrumental in defeating the expansion attempts of government-run Denver area RTD. Libertarians support eliminating all government hindrances to transportation solutions so private sector solutions are allowed to occur.

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Creating Economic Opportunities

by Gregory Golyansky

edited by David Bryant

President Clinton seems to think that it is the Government's responsibility to create economic opportunities for people to exploit. This point of view is fundamentally incorrect.

Simply stated, economic opportunities exist by virtue of the fact that the world exists and is populated by human beings. These human beings have various needs and wants. When an individual or group of individuals find a way to satisfy some of these needs or wants, that individual (or group) is in fact taking advantage of existing economic opportunities. Therefore one must say that whoever has created the world and the people in it has also created the economic opportunities.

Now some may say that the world and the people in it were created by God. Others say Nature. But no one has ever claimed that either the world or the people were created by Government. Those who continue to insist that the Government creates economic opportunities are in fact saying that people are also created by the Government. Such an assertion is an obvious absurdity.

So if the Government cannot create opportunities, how does it affect the opportunities already available to society? It appears that the only effect that Government can have on opportunities is to diminish or destroy them. In fact, the various political systems may be defined by the degree to which the resulting Government is able to destroy opportunities.

In the relatively free societies, Government can only destroy people's opportunities to harm one another, and to obtain property by force or fraud. But in the totalitarian societies, Government destroys a much wider variety of opportunities, justifying its actions by some irrational argument. In the Soviet Union, for instance, people were prevented from taking advantage of many opportunities because of the official dogma that all citizens

must be economically equal. Because of this misguided economic thinking, a great many needs and wants went unsatisfied for decades. In the end a sort of rough equality was in fact achieved. But since the Government was unable to make everyone wealthy, it made everyone equally poor instead!

The modern Welfare State provides another example of how the Government destroys economic opportunities. By confiscating money from many people so that it may create opportunities for a few, the Government is in fact destroying opportunities that otherwise would have been open to many. And because of bureaucratic inefficiency, the value that is destroyed is always much greater than any value that is created. This destruction of a great many opportunities to create only a few is usually based on the idea that some people do not deserve to keep the fruits of their labor. It is said that they must be forced to share with those whom the Government considers to be more deserving.

So how can our president, William J. "I-Feel-Your-Pain" Clinton, actually create any economic opportunities? Well, regardless of their belief in God, or in Nature, everyone would agree that in the end it takes a mother and a father to create a human being. Each family in America creates 2.4 children, on average. And so the obvious question must be asked. Why has our president, a man who excels in many fields of human endeavor and about whose sex life we are all very well informed, a man who is eager, nay, passionate, to create opportunities, been such a poor performer? After many years of married life he has only managed to create a single daughter!

The answer, I think, is to be found in the poor quality of the public schools in the state of Arkansas. To qualify for a teaching certificate there, it is not necessary to read above the fourth-grade level. It is entirely possible that one of the teachers, with a fourth-grader's reading skills, was never able to complete the textbook used in his sex education class, so that no one ever told little Billy Clinton that *oral* sex simply will not serve to create economic opportunities. Oh well....

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